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CIA Energy Report Held to Have Data Missing in Others

WASHINGTON (P)—The head of the CIA Monday defended his agency's report on energy, saying it included intelligence information about world reserves—especially in the Soviet Union—not available to other energy forecasters.

Adm. Stansfield Turner acknowledged that the CIA report, which said that world energy consumption would surpass production by 1985, was more pessimistic than other analyses.

But he told a House energy subcommittee that the CIA's prediction that the Soviet Union would change from an exporter to a substantial importer of oil by the early 1980s "is crucial to our analysis."

President Carter cited the report in his appeal last week to Americans to conserve energy and to support his energy program, which calls for new taxes on fuels and on their inefficient use.

Turner testified also that the CIA analysis considered only oil and gas reserves that could be put into production by 1985 and did not attempt to make long-range projections based on undiscovered reserves.